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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid Dispensers
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	01/19/2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member, Presiding
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member
William Doolittle, Public Member
Lisa Marencin, Professional Member
Brian Whitaker, Public Member
Kirsten Wolfington, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
David Manger, Director
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tonya Coats, Professional Member, President
Heather Smith, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

Christine Cook
Leia Heckman, DSHA
Becky Hermann, Nemours
Michael Kurliand, Nemours
Leisl Looney, Nemours
Pat Redmond, Nemours
Kelsie Ward, Central Delaware Speech-Language Pathology

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Proposed Amendments to Board's Rules and Regulations (2:00 p.m.)

At 2:03 p.m., Ms. Sullivan called the public hearing to order. Verbatim testimony was recorded electronically. Ms. Kelly stated the purpose of the hearing. The following items were marked as Board Exhibits for the record: Board Exhibit 1 – News Journal publication affidavit, Board Exhibit 2 – Delaware State News publication affidavit, Board Exhibit 3 – Correspondence from the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens, Board Exhibit 4 – Correspondence from the State Council for Persons with Disabilities, Board Exhibit 5 – Correspondence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Board Exhibit 6 – Written Comments from the DSHA Executive Council, and Board Exhibit 7 – Correspondence from Illene Courtright. The board introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Sullivan opened the floor for comments. Ms. Heckman addressed the Board regarding her concerns with the proposed regulations. Ms. Heckman addressed her concerns regarding proposed regulation 10.2.1.2, which states that clients shall be located within the borders of the State of Delaware during telepractice treatment sessions. Additionally, Ms. Heckman advised the Board that DSHA supports ASHA's model language, and requested that the Board consider adopting the model language pertaining to informed consent and the consultation exemption. Ms. Cook addressed the Board regarding her concerns regarding proposed regulation 10.2.4.2. Ms. Cook is concerned that the proposed regulation will limit the services to providers who reside in a commutable distance to the State of Delaware, which may decrease the availability of services within the State. Ms. Looney addressed the Board with her concerns pertaining to proposed regulation 10.2.4.2 from an audiologist standpoint. Ms. Looney reported that there is only one audiologist in Kent and Sussex County who is conducting follow-ups for newborns who fail the hearing screenings. Due to the shortage, children are not getting subsequent follow-up appointments. Ms. Looney is in support of ASHA's model language regarding telepractice. The board will deliberate on all public comments during their January 19, 2015 meeting. The board went off the record at 2:22 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2015

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the October 20, 2015 meeting. Ms. Wolfington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Potential Statutory Revisions

The Board reviewed the suggested changes to the current statute that Mr. Whitaker prepared. Mr. Whitaker suggested that the Board include language in the current statute regarding discrimination. Mr. Whitaker was advised that the Board, as well as the Division of Professional Regulation is prohibited to discriminate. Mr. Whitaker suggested that the statute be revised to address hardships for military personnel. Mr. Mangler advised Mr. Whitaker that Title 29 of the Delaware Code already addresses military deployment as well as military spouses. Mr. Mangler also advised Mr. Whitaker that the Board has no jurisdiction over federal law. Mr. Whitaker suggested that the Board consider adding statutory language to address individuals in hospice care. Mr. Mangler advised the Board that they cannot regulate the practice of another board or of another licensee.

The Board continued reviewing the draft of the potential statutory revisions that Ms. Kelly prepared based off the Board's previous discussions. Ms. Kelly will provide an update of the revisions made during the January 19, 2016 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Applications

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfington, to ratify the following temporary speech pathologist applications, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Devon Brunson Amy Eckert

Ratification of Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfington, to ratify the following permanent speech pathologist applications, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Cathleen Schriver Dawn Romanczak

Review of Hearing Aid Dispenser Supervisory Report

Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to accept the hearing aid supervisory report for Hugh Johnston, and to make him eligible to sit for the Hearing Aid Dispenser Exam. Motion unanimously carried.

Continuing Education – Review of Submitted Activities

Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Mr. Doolittle, to approve the following continuing education activities as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Sponsor: Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council
Activity: Life Conference XVIII
Contact Hours: 4.5 PG

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. Williams advised the Board that Dr. Xenakes resigned from the Board.

Ms. Williams informed the Board that in the beginning of 2016, the Board will become paperless, using the eBoard Solutions program, as well as iPads during the meeting.

The Board thanked Dr. Connolly-Gaskin for her dedicated service over the years as a Board member, as she will no longer be on the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

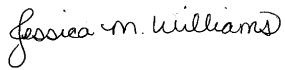
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Whitaker moved, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II